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MALI

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Pursuant to the provisions of the Convention for the Suppression of the Traffic in Persons and of the Exploitation of the Prostitution of Others, and in keeping with its social policy, the sovereign State of Mali, on 22 September 1960, added to its Penal Code (Act. No. 61-99/AN-RM of 3 August 1961) provisions to counter such antisocial behaviour.

Article 183 concerns the procurer's trade and incitement to immoral behaviour.

Any persons found guilty of inciting a minor to immoral behaviour shall be punished with six months' to three years' imprisonment and with a fine of 20,000 to 1 million francs, and optionally with 1-10 years of expulsion.

Article 189 deals with the traffic in persons.

Anyone found guilty of an act of slavery shall be punished with 5-10 years at hard labour, or even 20 years if the victim is a child under 15.

Debt bondage is punishable under article 190. Whoever holds a person in servitude is liable to the same punishment as for illegal confinement.